

**22811 to 22818**—(Continued.)

**22813.** *PINELLIA COCHINCHINENSE* (Blume) W. F. Wight. (*ARISAEMA COCHINCHINENSE* Blume.)

**22814.** *COLOCASIA INDICA* (Lour.) Kunth.

**22815.** *XANTHOSOMA SAGITTAEFOLIUM* (L.) Schott.

**22816.** *ALOCASIA MACRORRHIZA* (L.) Schott.

**22817.** *ARUM* sp. (?)

**22818.** *COLOCASIA ESCULENTA* (L.) Schott.

"As many as seven species of the *Colocasia* are found native in Cochin China, two of which are edible. Of these two, the *Colocasia indica* and the *Colocasia esculenta*, known to the natives as *Khoia mon sen* and *Khoia mon sap*, respectively, the latter, which is by far the best species for food as well as in yield, includes two additional varieties, known as *Mon ding* and *Mon mink tia*.

"In addition to these edible species, there are as many as four ornamental varieties, and one, the *Pinellia cochinchinense*, is a medicinal herb; all flourish in a wild state.

"The cultivation of the edible species should begin in March or April. They require a marshy soil and are planted in ridges like sweet potatoes, about 30 cm. apart, with about twice that space between the ridges. Young offshoots from the bottom of the plants are also used for plant propagation, and the time necessary to mature is six months.

"The tubers are eaten boiled, the same as the sweet potato, and a kind of flour is also made from them. The price of a picul of 60 kilograms is 1 piaster 80—less than 7 cents per pound." (*Conner*.)

**22819. DENDROCALAMUS STRICTUS** (Roxb.) Nees. **Bamboo.**

From India. Presented by Mr. Jean Houzeau de Lehaie, Saint Symphorien, Belgium, through Lady Brandis, 21 Kaiserstrasse, Bonn, Germany. Received May 6, 1908.

See S. P. I. No. 21548 for description.

**22820 to 22824. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM** (L.) Brot.

From Entebbe, Uganda. Presented by Mr. M. T. Dawe, officer in charge, Botanical, Forestry, and Scientific Department. Received April 6, 1908.

Seed of the following sorghums; varietal descriptions by Mr. Carleton R. Ball:

**22820.**

Apparently a sweet sorghum from discoloration of pith; seed and glumes similar in shape and size to *Sumac sorgo*, but branches longer and spreading. Seeds remarkably small.

**22821.**

Similar to No. 22820; pith also discolored; head much longer; seeds larger.

**22822.**

Large head; long spreading branches; glumes short, black, shining; seeds flattened, somewhat pointed at tip, orange-red or paler to nearly dirty white.

**22823.**

Similar to No. 22822, but head and branches smaller; seeds dirty white or with pinkish tinge.